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SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I just rise mainly to express my concerns about this program. Now a letter received from the Department of Motor Vehicles indicated that there is a problem. The system, at least the appeals process, is not working in the way it should. I have a real concern about doing away with the whole program, based on the fact that part of it is failing, but at the same time I understand what Senator Chambers is trying to do. And my biggest concern has to do with if we take this and put it in the hands of the Attorney General, what is it going to cost? Now I understand there's going to be continued costs that somebody is going to have to pick up. I don't...I'm not that familiar, except that I understand that the Motor Vehicles Department is a Cash Fund agency and they don't use General Funds for their operation except that it does cost us in the area of enforcement, as far as appeals are concerned. I'm not too sure how I want to vote on this at this point. I would like to hear a little bit more discussion, and so I'm just going to sit back and listen. I think I'm going to turn the rest of my time over to Senator Bromm because I think he had some things he wanted to bring forth, and so I will be glad to give you my time, Senator Bromm.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Bromm, you have approximately 3.5 minutes and then your light is on next. Do you want me to tell you when the five minutes starts?

SENATOR BROMM: Yes, please. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Senator Vrtiska. I don't know that I'll need that long, but I wanted to touch base on a couple of things, and I agree with much of what has been said. The appeal process needs work. It is broken. That needs to be worked on. Hopefully through the summer, some help from Senator Connealy and Senator Chambers and others will find some...some answers for that. I think there are other issues such as how the sentencing in the underlying charge interplays with the sentencing in the ALR issue, and how they...how they interact with each other, and how that affects driving and the impact really on the defendant. The fairness issue is another thing. Senator Dwite Pedersen was describing that. I also wanted to touch base for a moment on the cost or the finances aspect of it. As Senator Don Pederson